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FROM AMBASSADOR

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TAGS: PFOR, XA, IS, US
SUBJ: ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH AFRICA

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1. FOLLOWING IS ASSESSMENT OF POINTS RAISED PARA ONE
REFTEL.

A. WHILE TIME IS RIPE FOR INCREASING OFFICIAL CONTACTS
BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SENEGAL, WE CONSIDER IT PREMATURE TO
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EXPECT ACTUAL NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO

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STATES. POSSIBLE CONSTRAINT WOULD BE STRONG RESERVATIONS
OF PLO TO EGYPT-ISRAEL ACCORDS.

B. WE BELIEVE SENEGAL, PARTICULARLY PRESIDENT SENGHOR,
WOULD WELCOME ISRAELI DEMARCHE SEEKING NORMALIZATION OF
RELATIONS, AND PARTICULARLY SECRET MESSAGE OR EMISSARY FROM
RABIN. AS POINTED OUT REFTEL B, SENGHO HAS SOUGHT SECRET
MEETING WITH RABIN, BUT WE HAVENO EVIDENCE TWO HAVE MET
RECENTLY. GOS RESPONSE MIGHT BE CONDITIONED UPON SOME
REASONABLE ISRAELI GESTURE IN DIRECTION OF PALESTINIANS; OR
IT MIGHT LIMIT AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME TO ESTABLISHMENT OF
LESS THAN FULL DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN DAKAR. WHEN
RELATIONS WERE BROKEN IN OCTOBER 1973, SENEGAL SOUGHT
UNSUCCESSFULLY TO PERSUADE ISRAEL TO MAINTAIN SOME SORT
OF OFFICIAL PRESENCE HERE.

C. BELIEVE DEMARCHE BY US WOULD BE EFFECTIVE ONLY
AFTER DIRECT ISRAELI EFFORTS. IN PRESENT CLIMATE THERE IS
NEED FOR ISRAELIS TO MAKE CLEAR TO AFRICANS GENUINE
DESIRE ON PART OF GOI TO REPAIR RELATIONS, AND IT
PROBABLY WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE WITH SENEGALESE FOR
US TO GET OUT FRONT ON THIS ONE.

D. AS NOTED IN B. BEST APPROACH WOULD BE RABIN TO
SENGHOR DEMARCHE.
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